

Application Serial No. 10/562,935  
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PATENT  
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**Amendments to the Abstract**

**Marked up Version**

The following marked-up version of the amended Abstract is attached hereto to aid the examiner in identifying the changes:

A method for improving absorption of amino acids in a vertebrate ~~comprising~~ including administering to a vertebrate in a sufficient amount and/or at a sufficient rate to enable a desired effect on amino acids absorption, alpha-ketoglutarate (AKG), AKG derivatives or metabolites, AKG analogues or mixtures thereof.